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19 May 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Public Affairs

Director of Logistics

FROM:

[REDACTED] Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT:

Savile Lane Citizens

1. Attached is the most recent letter to Congressman Wolf describing the status of the placement of the fence along Savile Lane and the siting of the jogging path.

2. OPA and the Office of Logistics should now communicate the decisions to the appropriate Savile Lane Citizens. For your information, the DDA, when coordinating on the Wolf letter, noted that we should "pledge to get in touch with Blood and Horne." It was the ADDA's opinion that we should personally meet with Blood and Horne. I leave it up to you to determine the best means for communicating with the citizens. However, I would encourage you to get the message to them promptly.

cc: DDA  
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Washington, D.C. 20505

26 May 1988

The Honorable Frank R. Wolf  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Wolf:

I am writing in reply to your letter of 2 May 1988 in which you enclosed three letters from CIA neighbors who expressed concern about the siting of our jogging track and the placement of a fence on the Agency property line along Savile Lane.

We have continued to meet and work with Savile community residents to reach some accommodation on the concerns raised in their letters. On 29 March 1988 representatives of the Agency met with several of the residents of Savile Lane concerning the proposed jogging track and the replacement of the existing fence. A second meeting was held on 4 April with Mr. and Mrs. Tierney and Mr. Buckley. Based on these discussions and the agreements reached, we sent a letter (copy enclosed) to Ms. Lilla Richards, Dranesville District Supervisor.

Permit me to bring you up to date on where we stand on the outstanding issues of the jogging path and the siting of the fence. The original design of the jogging path called for bringing the path at its closest point to within 30 feet of the Tierneys' property. Because of the Tierneys' concerns, we recently asked our contractor to redesign the path to move it as far from the property line as possible. The new design now calls for the track coming no closer than 51 feet from the Tierneys' property. Further movement is not feasible because of the terrain and the excessive costs that would be incurred to move it any farther away. We will retain all the large trees in the area and plant evergreens to further screen the people and path. Once completed, it will blend with the environment and will not be intrusive to our neighbors. I should point out that the path will be only 6 feet wide with a 2-foot grass shoulder on either side. The track will not be lighted and will be used primarily during the workweek, times when neighbors are less likely to be home. The path is intended only for jogging and walking; no vehicles will utilize the path.

As to the fence along Savile Lane, we have reached an agreement that is acceptable to most residents. We will replace the existing fence along the property line with a "farm fence." This decision has been communicated to the residents and, for the most part, they are satisfied. Only Mr. Blood and Mr. Horne are not pleased with the decision. The Government's property line is indeed very close to the back of their respective homes. There is currently no existing fence separating Government property from that of Mr. Blood and Mr. Horne. For reasons that are not known, GSA never fenced these areas. Mr. Blood has for years cut the grass on the Government property, and Mr. Horne, whose home is currently under construction, recently had the trees and bushes on the Government property bulldozed. Given this background, I think you can understand why Messrs. Blood and Horne are concerned that we will erect the fence following the property line.

We would like to accommodate them, but we are constrained by some intractable problems. If we move the fence back from the line, we are, in effect, providing individual property owners with free and unauthorized use of government property, and doing so in such a fashion that hampers a legitimate government activity. We do not have legal authority to permit such use of government land. We are also concerned that should we move the fence back from the line, subsequent owners might very well construe that they have entitlement to the property through legal analogy to theories of adverse possession or boundary acquiescence.

We also need to clearly delineate Government property from private property for reasons of security. During the most recent demonstrations, there was confusion as to the exact location of Government property. Such delineation at the time was critical for the various police jurisdictions who were anticipating the need to make arrests for trespassing. Absent clear property delineation, there was concern that demonstrators could be improperly arrested. To prevent this sort of problem in the future, we have had the land surveyed, and believe we must erect the "farm fence" agreed to by other neighbors to define precisely the property lines.

We have and will continue to act in a manner that is attentive to our neighbors and their concerns. However, at this point, we believe that we have done all that we can to accommodate their group and individual concerns on the issues of the jogging path and the fence.

We appreciate your continued support and understanding.  
Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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John L. Helgeson  
Director of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure